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Erie County Executive to Host Community Prayer Breakfast

Erie, Pa., March 31, 2016 – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is honored to host a Community Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier.

Inspired by the annual National Prayer Breakfast, the purpose of the gathering is to bring people of all faiths together to celebrate the rich diversity of the region and acknowledge the importance of prayer and faith in our lives. Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

Sister Joan is a world-renowned author and speaker residing in Erie County. Well-known for her work as an advocate for justice, peace, and equality, she has been one of America's visionary spiritual voices. As a Benedictine Sister of Erie, Sister Joan has focused her life's work on the development of contemporary spirituality and justice for the oppressed and marginalized.

"I invite everyone, from all corners of the county, to join in communal prayer for the entire region. The power of sincere, authentic and transparent prayer is invaluable in our daily lives," noted County Executive Dahlkemper.

Leaders of congregations and faith communities across the county have been invited to participate in the program. Members of the Liturgical Dance Ensemble at Mercyhurst University will also perform.

All members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend. Reservations are required. Proceeds will benefit the Sister Joan Chittister Fund for Prisoners.

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